THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) that regulates Sutlej and Ravi-Beas waters, the position of water availability in BBMB's reservoirs, due to the normal monsoon this year so far, is very combfortable and has enable BBMB to meet the full water requirements of the Partner States including Rajasthan. Further, BBMB has delivered an average of 13,488 cusecs to Rajasthan from 1st to 28th July, 2005 against Rajasthan's share of 13,025 cusecs and BBMB has even requested the Partner States to maximize their drawals notwithstanding their respective share so as to avoid the wastage of water downstream of Madhopur and Ferozepur Headworks.

Water availability in important reservoirs monitored Central Water Commission has also indicated that the aggregate current year's storage as on 22.7.05 in Mahi Bajaj Sagar, Jhakam and Rana Pratap Sagar reservoirs in Rajasthan in about 1.45 thousand million cubic metres, which is 240% of the last year's storage and 197% of the last 10 year's average storage during the corresponding period.

(b) Handing over of successful exploratory wells by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) to the Rajasthan State Government and technical assistace from CGWB to the State for promotion of rain water harvesting and artificial recharge of ground water etc. are some of the on-going steps and will be of help in a crisis situation.

MoU for use of Yamuna river water

†940. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi signed an MoU on 12th May, 1994 for the use of Yamuna river water;

(b) whether 1.119 BCM Yamuna river water allotted to Rajasthan was to be provided *vide* Okhla Barrage and Tajewala headworks;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to intervene and to instruct Haryana for signing as MoU for modernisation of canal system from Tajewala headworks to Loharu sub-branch and Gurgaon feeder in Haryana area;

(d) if so, by when; and

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(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Considering their irrigation and consumptive drinking water requirement, the basin States had agreed on the allocation of 1.119 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM) of utilizable water resources of river Yamuna to Rajasthan, assessed on mean year availability.MoU is however silent on the location of abstraction and month-wise quantity of water to be used by each State.

(c) to (e) In the meeting of Upper Yamuna River Board held on 6.8.2004 Haryana indicated their disagreement to the signing of MoU for undertaking the works for modernization of canal system from Tajewala Headworks to Loharu sub-branch and modernization of Gurgaon Feeder in Haryana area. Subsequently, Haryana requested for taking up the matter for review in the next meeting of Upper Yamuna Review committee (UYRC) under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister/Minister of State for Water Resources. This has been agreed to.

National Policy on Water Sources

†941. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making any national policy regarding the sources of water resources;

(b) if so, whether Government are also considering for nationalising the sources of water resources so that they can be utilised properly;

(c) if so, by when it would be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal for making any policy regarding sources of water resources. However, the Government has already adopted a National Water Policy in the year 2002.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

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